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Stars of the panto at MK Theatre took time out from performing Peter Pan to wish all MK NEWS readers a very Merry Christmas. Henry Winkler who stars as Hook, Louisa Lytton who plays Peter and Andy Ford as Smee, finished off their present wrapping in time for the big day. Henry had this message for readers: "I hope you receive the same joy this Christmas you all have given me."



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Rachel's killer is out there – there's a killer walking around Milton Keynes

– Barri White's mother after he was cleared of killing girlfriend Rachel Manning following a retrial

BY ROB GIBSON

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A MAN who spent five years in prison wrongly accused of murdering his girlfriend has been cleared at a retrial.

On Thursday Barri White was found not guilty of murdering 19-year-old Rachel Manning by a jury at Luton Crown Court. Rachel's body was found in the undergrowth near Woburn Golf Club on December 12, 2000, after she spent a night with Barri at Chicago's nightclub, Central Milton Keynes.

Barri, 29, of Epsom Grove, Bletchley, was jailed for life in 2002, but his conviction was quashed in November 2007 and a

retrial was ordered after a campaign by the BBC programme Rough Justice, supported by MK NEWS, raised serious questions about the prosecution's evidence.

Keith Hyatt, 56, was also convicted at the original trial of perverting the course of justice by helping to dispose of the body in his Transit van.

His conviction was also quashed but he had completed his sentence before the appeal came to court.

On Thursday Barri walked free from court alongside his mother, Sharon Shaheed, who has campaigned tirelessly since he was jailed.

Sharon told MK NEWS: "It's absolutely brilliant news.

"When they said 'not guilty' we all just sobbed."

During the two week trial prosecutor Julian Baughan said Barri had enlisted the help of his friend Keith Hyatt to dump the body.

Barri maintained that at the end of the night they went separate ways, before Rachel called Mr Hyatt's house to tell him she was lost.

Barri was accused of strangling Rachel after she made a distress call from a phone box to her housemate and then calling Mr Hyatt to bring his van.

But defence counsel John Coffey QC said that prosecution witness, Professor Kenneth Pye, had backtracked on his sci-

entific findings, describing it as a 'devastating change of view for the Crown's case'.

The forensics expert repeatedly changed his views on whether there had been contact between Rachel's skirt and the front passenger seat of Mr Hyatt's van.

Mr Coffey said: "It is quite clear now that the jury (at the first trial) were seriously misled about the significance of these scientific findings. Some of the prosecution's propositions border on the ludicrous.

"The Crown's case is unsafe and built upon shifting sands.

"What this case demonstrates is that you don't have to have enemies to be
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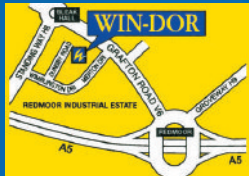


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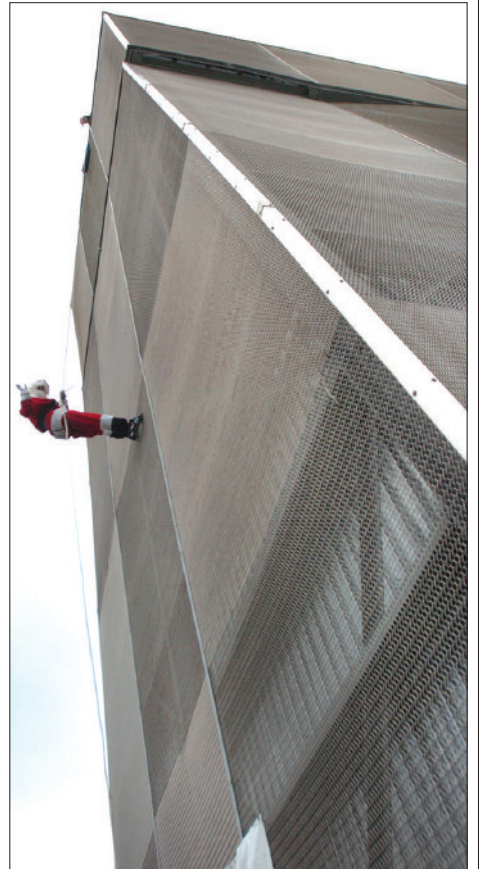
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Santa practises for chimney fest

WHAT'S that coming over the hill? It's Santa! Father Christmas tried his hand at abseiling at the Vertical Chill climbing wall outside Airkix at Xscape on Monday.

He could be seen abseiling down the side of the building, practising useful skills for present delivering.

Onlookers were entered into a free raffle to win prizes from Vertical Chill and Airkix and received a 20 per cent discount voucher for their next climb at the wall.



Baby death could happen again

— Elizabeth Feast, whose baby died at MK Hospital, is unconvinced by watchdog report

BY JESSICA CUNIFFE

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THE family of a baby whose death has prompted the overhaul of city maternity services are not reassured that their tragedy will never be repeated.

Their comments follow a report released on Friday in which the Healthcare Commission told Milton Keynes General Hospital to improve its maternity unit.

The unit was inspected after Elizabeth and Grant Feast's newborn baby Romy died in June 2007 following 'a systems and communication failure'.

She died less than an hour after a registrar attempted to induce the birth, despite maternity staff warning doctors to perform an emergency caesarean section.

The healthcare watchdog says that the unit needs more beds,

more midwives and stronger leadership.

Its report said that even though the birth rate had risen in Milton Keynes over the past five years, the number of beds had actually been reduced.

Mrs Feast, 37, from Oxley Park, said that the report does not convince her that this could not happen again.

She told MK NEWS: "We and our children have had to bear a terrible loss. This report goes nowhere near reassuring us that another family is safe from enduring the heartache suffered by us every day."

The family are desperate for change but fear that their case has not been considered in enough detail.

"We fail to see how the commission can put positive procedures in place to prevent future babies'

deaths when Romy's death was never investigated by them," added the mother-of-two.

"It was said at the inquest that every member of the medical team failed us from the midwives, to the consultants, to the obstetrics team. How can a review of a failure be taken when this was not taken into consideration?"

"I would still never, ever, ever go near Milton Keynes Hospital if I was pregnant. I would never touch it again. I know how much they let me down."

Dr Nicholas Hicks, chief executive of NHS Milton Keynes, said: "We will continue to work closely with the hospital to address capacity and quality issues in the maternity service. I very much welcome the provision of additional beds and the proposed building of a new maternity unit."

Boyfriend cleared of murder

From front page

murdered, you just have to be in the wrong place at the wrong time."

After two days of deliberation, the jury revealed its verdict in front of Barri's emotional relatives, while the Manning family responded only with silence.

Police released a statement saying: "Thames Valley Police acknowledges the decision made by the jury at Luton Crown Court today. The case will now be re-examined by the force's Dedicated Review Team. At all times during the initial investigation and subsequent court cases our duty has been to seek justice for Rachel and her family."

Sharon added: "I feel relieved, totally relieved. We hoped for it but this is the justice system – it's let Barri down before."

"You didn't think it would come though you hoped for it."

"It's taken so long. It's been very difficult on everybody. But the support for Barri has been awesome – from friends, family, aunts, uncles, everybody."

"To be honest it's not finished. We want the case reopened. Rachel's killer is out there. There's a killer walking around Milton Keynes."

"We've proved that Barri didn't do it, now let's find who did."

■ On October 22, 2008 MK NEWS ran a story on the death of Gemma Sisley which was headlined 'Tributes for dead girl'.

MK NEWS would like to say that by running the story it was never our intention to cause any further upset to family and friends and we apologise for that.

As a gesture of goodwill in this matter MK NEWS has offered to make a financial donation towards Breakthrough Breast Cancer, a charity supported by Gemma.

Last Post Office hangs by thread

BY LAURA HANNAM

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ONLY one Post Office remains in the running as the saga continues over whether it will be rescued.

Milton Keynes Council stood by its choice not to intervene and save threatened branches at a meeting last Tuesday, December 16 but the decision was called in to a scrutiny panel the next day.

The cabinet was told that Little Brickhill Post Office has withdrawn from the campaign for council funding as the postmaster has moved on.

This means only Weston Underwood Post Office is still fighting to remain open.

The cabinet discussed the issue last Tuesday after deciding to review its decision due to evidence that the financial figures provided by the Post Office were riddled with mistakes.

Cllr Vanessa McPake, cabinet member for community, repeated her statement from previous meetings that throwing a lifeline to branches for three years was not 'financially viable'.

She said the council cannot set a 'precedent' by helping a private business, adding that the financial figures provided by Weston Underwood post office were 'extremely optimistic'.

Opposition councillors accused the cabinet of just going through the motions without seriously considering putting money into the Post Offices.

Cllr Peter Geary said there are still many ways that have not been investigated, including grant funding, and Cllr David Hopkins called for the cabinet to look again



Santa with his letter to the council outside Weston Underwood PO

at providing a mobile Post Office. Cllr McPake said the cabinet has gone out of its way in meeting after meeting to consider the issue.

The cabinet made a unanimous decision not to put any further funds into a business case for Weston Underwood Post Office.

The decision has been called in to a cross-party scrutiny committee by Cllr Peter Geary and residents of Weston Underwood and Ravenstone.

The village's post office, which was set to close on January 13, has been given a stay of execution until the decision is made.

Confidential PO figures on MK Council's website

CONFIDENTIAL financial figures from the Post Office were published on the council's website by mistake.

The stats detailing information such as how much it costs to run branches and staff wages were put on Milton Keynes Council's 'CMIS' online meetings information system on Monday, December 8.

The council's cabinet heard in a meeting on Tuesday, December 16 that the figures were available

for public view for around 24 hours, attached as an appendix to a report.

The commercially sensitive information is subject to a confidentiality agreement with Post Office Ltd.

It was released to Milton Keynes Council and several parish councils to allow them to investigate how their local branches could be saved, but only when members agreed to sign a legally binding contract.

In council meetings members of the public and press have been asked to leave while the figures were discussed.

A council spokesman said: "We would like to apologise but this was one of the rare occasions when due to human error the information that should have remained private appeared on our website for a short time."

"As soon as the oversight was spotted we removed the item from our website."

MK Spurs fans quizzed over Sol abuse

POLICE investigating the abuse footballer Sol Campbell received in a match between Portsmouth and Tottenham Hotspur have arrested a 13-year-old boy and a 42-year-old man from Milton Keynes.

Hampshire police released pictures of Spurs supporters to track down those involved in the indecent chanting during the game at Fratton Park on Sunday, September 28, 2008.

Both Milton Keynes residents

were arrested on Saturday, along with a 34-year-old man from Shropshire, and questioned on suspicion of indecent or racial chanting at a designated football match after attending a police station in Portsmouth.

A total of 12 arrests have been made following the abuse aimed at the former Spurs and Arsenal defender.

Superintendent Neil Sherrington, the deputy commander for Portsmouth, said: "We

have had an excellent response, however five men still remain outstanding and we are keen to identify them as soon as possible, and so I would encourage anyone who knows them to contact us."

Lord Triesman, chairman of the Football Association, called on Tottenham Hotspur FC to issue life bans to fans who verbally abused Sol Campbell.

The Milton Keynes pair have been released on bail until January, 13, 2009.

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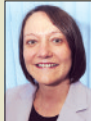
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Timing's everything

SIR - An open letter to the boss of London Midland.

I'm writing this letter while sitting one of your new London Midland trains on my way to London.

It's comfortable and clean in its new shade of green, unfortunately it's late, AGAIN....!

Your peak morning trains have all been late during the month of December.

What's going on, it's not Christmas just yet?

It feels like you and your employees have started your Christmas celebrations early.

Now I know as much as anybody that we are in a massive recession which does not seem to be ending anytime soon. Could these delays be your way of cutting costs?

Well, that's all great for you but we are trying to get to work on time too to do our little bit to get this county back on track.

You are always boasting about your good service and 90 per cent or more of your trains arrive on time.

When are these running? During the off peak hours?

Why don't you try concentrate on getting the commuters to work on time?

May I remind you that our tickets cost £3,300 (Bletchley-Euston) a year. Oh sorry you knew that already....

Please could I have an explanation as to why your peak morning trains have not been on time?

Disillusioned
Andre van Aardt
Milton Keynes

Coning the square

SIR - I have heard that our council seeks a decorative artistic construction for the Station Square area.

I know the very thing.

Symbolically, it would be constructed from those attractive red and white traffic cones for which our city has recently become famous.

A circle of these cones would form a ring, 10 metres in diameter. Within this ring, a tall pyramid of stacked cones would complete the dramatic effect - an iconic cone of cones.

To avoid it occupying desperately needed parking spaces in Station Square itself, this prime example of modern art should be permanently exhibited in that space where two dual carriageways cross next to the Hockey Stadium.

Recently, that area was decorated on all corners with attractive traffic lights.

Three out of four people who pass by always stop for a while to gaze at these, watching until, after long intervals, they change colour.

When the circular artistic construction is placed in the centre of that crossroads, encircled by those lights, it will be welcomed with delight by people passing in all four directions.

Unfortunately, motorists would need to drive in curves around this attractive conic edifice.

However, any slight inconvenience could be enormously offset by permanently switching off those lights - and by restoring the earlier, higher speed limit.

K Powell

Sent by e-mail

Barri case cock-up

SIR - (re Barri White cleared of Rachel Manning murder).

Ouch, the art of cricket proves not so gentle



This is one of the pictures that helped secure MK NEWS snapper Andy Handley silver in the Newspaper Society's free weekly sports photographer of the year category for 2008. MK NEWS would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers and advertisers a very merry Christmas.

Well done to the BBC for investing in this case and making such a difference to the lives of not just Barri but his family and friends.

If this case doesn't bring about change to the system what will?

How can such a cock-up happen with so much technology and intelligence available?

It should not have taken six years to correct such a massive mistake when the evidence that he was not guilty was known from the start by the people who influenced the verdict.

Liz Harris
Sent by e-mail

Cops incompetent

SIR - (re Barri White cleared of Rachel Manning murder).

It is such a shame that incompetent police work during the initial investigation led to the lives of three people and their families being destroyed.

It has been a long six years getting justice for Barri and Keith Hyatt, I hope that now the police can make up for their mistakes of the past and try to find the real killer so that Rachel and her family can receive the justice that they deserve.

Claire Hales
Sent by e-mail

Winter fuuuul

SIR - Pensioners aged over 60 have received an increase in their fuel allowance to £250 per household and £400 for those aged over 80.

In addition each pensioner will receive a further £60 each in January which is approx £6 per week towards fuel costs.

Pensioners can also contact the energy companies with regard to special energy rates and help towards the cost of loft and wall insulation

Peter Billups
Chairman, MK Pensioners' Association

All young at heart

SIR - For over 30 years, the Little Brickhill Residents' Association has been organising and running a very special Christmas event.

Originally called the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, it is now reborn with a more modern image and called the Young at Heart Christmas Party.

This took place last Sunday (December 13).

The village hall was colourfully decorated and a full traditional Christmas lunch hand-cooked by members of the association was enjoyed by all.

This is the climax of a year of fundraising events to enable this traditional annual treat to take place.

The preparation of the sumptuous Christmas meal, including roast beef, turkey, Christmas pudding and mince pies, fully utilised the new kitchen in the village hall which was completed just over a year ago.

This year, the entertainment was provided entirely by local talent. This included musical performances and tap dancing by village children and varied entertainment and singing from many of the villagers.

Our well-known local figure and musician, Julian Fielding, sang a selection of whimsical and entertaining arrangements, always inviting the audience to join in.

A great time was had by all and the party concluded with handing out presents for all the attendees and flowers for the ladies.

Everybody had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and it was particularly gratifying to welcome new faces to the event.

Little Brickhill can look forward to many more occasions like this in the future.

Barry Landsberg,
Member of Little Brickhill Residents' Association

A very merry Christmas to all our contributors

- MK NEWS Editor

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City to come alive to the Sound of Music

TALENT show sensation Connie Fisher is returning to Milton Keynes – but this time she won't be wearing fishnet tights.

The winner of BBC's 'How do you solve a problem like Maria?' last travelled to the city to watch the Rocky Horror Show as a student.

"I dressed up in fishnets so I hope you haven't got photos in the foyer," she joked.

"That was in my drama school days and we had a trip there, there was about six of us went up in a mini."

Now she will be in the spotlight as the lead character in the West End production of The Sound of Music as it goes on tour.

Connie is excited to be coming to Milton Keynes again and says she swells with pride every time she takes to the stage as Maria as she is reminded of how she won the public vote to get there.

"I get overwhelmed with that feeling of pride that I am almost representing people," she said.

"I feel massive achievement every time I step out on stage to even be there, thinking 'why? This is bonkers'."

"Maria is a joy to play, I wish I was more like Maria all the time," she added.

"She is happy, content, generous, kind; she is everything that you want to be as a human being."

After winning the part as Maria in September 2006, Connie is still enjoying being involved in the iconic show and says performing with the children and singing the songs are some of its highlights.

"It's nice to be in a show where everyone knows the words, so if you forget them you just see the guy in the third row miming," she said.

Her favourite sing-along classic in the show is The Lonely Goat Herd as she loves yodelling.

"I have actually made some friends in an Austrian pub in London, called Tiroler Hut, and they have a cabaret so every time I'm there I just get up and yodel, it's brilliant," she said.

"It's teaching me how to do it properly for this tour."

She is looking forward to feeling the vibe of different audiences as she goes on tour.

"It's a feel good family show and I really would encourage anyone to come and see it," she said.

"The Sound of Music is a classic, the songs are so memorable and it's just a great love story."

The show's producer, David Ian, praised Connie's contribution to



Connie Fisher: Winner of TV's 'How do you solve a problem like Maria?' is coming to MK

the cast and the BBC talent show's success in bringing more people into the theatre.

"Not since Julie Andrews has anybody owned the role of Maria in the way that Connie Fisher owns it, anywhere in the world," he said.

"When I do my market research on the people coming to see The Sound of Music, 70 per cent of the audience not only had never seen The Sound of Music before, they had never been to the theatre before."

"Now that is a colossal difference and that's a huge thing to achieve."

He congratulated Milton Keynes Theatre on its tenth anniversary, which the venue will be celebrating as The Sound of Music comes to town on October 27, 2009 and runs until November 14.

"Happy Birthday to truly one of the best regional theatres in the country," he said.

"It's a great venue, the jewel in Ambassador Theatre Group's crown as far as I'm concerned."

For further information contact the box office on 0870 060 6652 or online at www.miltonkeynestheatre.com

As MK NEWS revealed last week Connie Fisher is to rejoin the Sound of Music stage show as it embarks on a national tour. The 25-year-old won the part in the West End production in the BBC talent show How Do You Solve Problem Like Maria? in 2006. The former call centre worker from Pembrokeshire will open with the musical at Cardiff's Millennium Centre next August. The production will then tour theatres around the UK. JOYCE BELL caught up with Connie in Cardiff

Schools' dinner company pulls out

SCHOOL dinners are set to be served by a different company next year following months of complaints surrounding cold and late meals.

Catering company Sodexo has provided 73 primary schools in the city with hot and packed meals since April.

But it admitted last week that it could no longer provide the standard of food hoped for, withdrawing from the three-year deal with Milton Keynes Council worth more than £6 million.

Cllr Sandra Clark, cabinet member for children's services and

schools, said the move relates to the quality of food.

She said: "They will be there for another six months. We wanted to escape from the contract and will be contacting the headteachers in the new year to discuss options."

"There were a number of complaints. We did try to salvage the contract and we did try to resolve the issues."

"The main issue was the quality of some of the meals. There were issues around not serving meals at the right temperature, meals being served late so children didn't get to eat until the middle of

the afternoon. We thought we'd be able to resolve it. It's disappointing but I do think it's the right way forward."

A Sodexo spokesman added: "We have decided to withdraw from the Milton Keynes contract as, for a number of reasons, we are regrettably unable to provide a service to the high quality standards that we set and we are not prepared to compromise these standards in the future."

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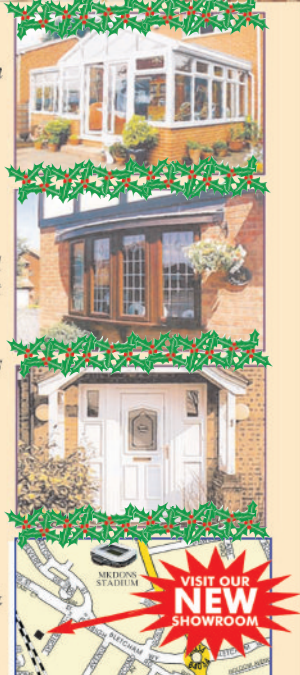
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Cops seek pubgoer



'Chainsaw' wanted for unprovoked attack in Queen Vic

A MAN nicknamed 'Chainsaw' is wanted by police after an unprovoked attack on a father-of-four in a city pub.

These images were captured by CCTV cameras inside the Queen Victoria pub, Wolverton, on the night of the attack.

The victim, a 39-year-old man, was hit from behind, pushed to the ground and repeatedly punched in the head.

He was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital with a suspected broken neck but was released after two days with nerve and muscle damage, a swollen eye and bruised wrist.

Police want to speak to the man shown in the CCTV, who they believe is a well-known regular at

the pub. PC Gill Culley said: "This sickening attack was witnessed by numerous people in the pub but none of them are willing to talk to the police. The victim, who is also a regular, was just out having a drink when he was attacked from behind for no reason."

"He has four young daughters and this has been an upsetting experience for all of them."

"The man is now petrified to go out and has suffered financial losses because of being off work with the injuries."

"I would ask the people who saw this happen to examine their conscience and help us get the person responsible for this."

The images were released by police on Wednesday and the incident took place at 7.30pm on Saturday, November 15.

■ Anyone who witnessed the attack or recognises the man can contact PC Culley on 08458 505505 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Attempted robbery at Texaco station

THESE pictures show the moment when two men threatened a shopkeeper during an attempted robbery.

Police released the CCTV images on Friday in an appeal for information.

The men entered the Texaco petrol station on the H3 Monks Way near Tongwell and jumped over the counter to demand money from the cashier.

But the cashier hit the panic alarm and the offenders fled the

scene empty handed.

The incident took place at 8.25pm on Tuesday, November 25.

Police described the first man as black, wearing a dark-coloured hooded top. The second man is white and wore a balaclava and a blue hooded top.

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Cancer-loss parents call for hospice gifts

BY LAURA HANNAM

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PARENTS who lost their son to cancer are calling for people to support a children's hospice this Christmas.

Paul and Annette Howlett, from Milton Keynes, want to raise awareness that the charity that helped their son never stops caring, even on Christmas Day.

The couple treated Christmas last year as an ordinary day; there were presents for their teenage son, Matthew, but unlike other years the house wasn't decorated and there was no special Christmas dinner.

Just six months earlier, the couple's youngest son, Thomas, had died and, as this was their first Christmas without him, they could not face doing things as normal.

Paul explained: "We just wanted to get through last Christmas without any fuss so we went to visit Thomas's grave in the morning and generally sat quietly most of the day, watching some TV but not really doing anything else."

"The whole Christmas period was very hard to deal with without Thomas."

Thomas was just 20 months old when he was diagnosed with Leukaemia.

For four years he battled with the condition, undergoing periods of radiotherapy and



The whole Christmas period was very hard to deal with without Thomas

— Paul, father of Thomas Howlett, left, who was cared for at Keech Cottage Children's Hospice before he died of cancer

chemotherapy and going through a number of periods of remission and then relapse.

Unfortunately, he also developed epilepsy and brain damage as a side effect of his treatment and tragically he died in June 2007, aged 5.

Not long after Thomas went into his second relapse in February 2007, the family were referred to the services provided by Keech Cottage Children's Hospice.

The hospice's Milton Keynes community nurse started to visit the family once a week in their home to help care for Thomas and support the whole family.

When Thomas took a turn for the worse one day it was arranged for Thomas to go to Keech Cottage, based near Luton, for a few days of specialist care.

In addition to the care he received the family have been given support by the hospice's bereavement care team.

Annette said: "It has been so helpful to meet other people going through the same things as us at the bereaved parents support group, SOS, and to get that ongoing support from Keech."

To keep the children's hospice service running this year, they need £2.5 million, 75 per

cent of which must be raised through support from the local community.

As a Christmas gift £17.50 could pay for an hour of one-to-one specialist nursing support at Keech Cottage this Christmas Day for any child who needs it or £25.40 could pay for a community nurse to take over the care of a sick child at home for an hour.

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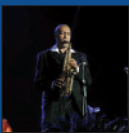
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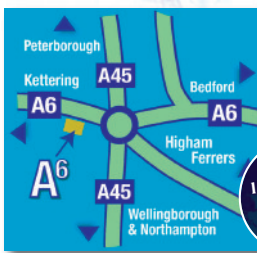
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What happens to all the mince pies and glasses of sherry that millions of children leave out?
Well everyone can rest assured, I've done them all justice - ho ho ho!

Tell me what exactly does it take to get on the nice list?
Well, you need to be thoughtful to other people, help mummy and daddy around the house, be kind to other people, in fact, be a little bit like Santa.

What is the best thing about Christmas?
I think it is being able to put smiles on children's faces. It's a time when we get forget all the bad things in the world and we can concentrate on our children. In fact that's the best thing you can give you at Christmas - your time.

With so many countries, towns, cities, houses and children, how do I remember every child?
Well it certainly helps that they all write to me! Then once I've delivered once, I simply remember for next year, I have a very good memory. Then as the years pass I see each child grow into good people. Lots of people moan about children but not me, they have got a lot of goodness in them, a lot of goodness.

Where's your favourite place to deliver presents?
Well, I love everywhere but, Milton Keynes is certainly up the list. I'm an MK Don's fan so it's always a thrill to be here, I think it's a wonderful team and young Sam Baldock is one to watch for the future.

Santa, what would you like for Christmas?
I think the nicest thing is to get home after I have done a job that everyone is pleased with, sit down, and have a nice cup of tea, made for me by Mary Christmas my wife. That cup of tea and the thought of all the excited children opening their presents - what a way to end the year!
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Mr McCabe, who previously served 12 years in the Royal Navy, said: "I have had many prisoners inquire about the purchase of poppies and a great desire to wear them with pride, but have been unable to until this year."

"The Governor gave me permission to source these poppies from the Bletchley branch of the British Legion, who were only too happy to help."

Boy airlifted to JR2

A ONE-YEAR-OLD boy was injured after a car collision in Woburn Sands on Friday.

Police are appealing for witnesses after the child was hurt in the village's high street. It happened at about 1.30pm when the little boy is believed to have run into the road from between two parked cars and collided with the side of a grey Jaguar.

The car was travelling at low speed in the direction of Woburn and was stopped by police.

The boy was airlifted to the JR2 hospital in Oxford where he is in a stable condition.

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The theatre has been successful in its bid for funds from the Arts Council England's Free Theatre Initiative.

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Marrow match search goes on

Toddler in hospital with collapsed lung

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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WHILE her toddler son fights for his life, a Zimbabwean mother is searching for a bone marrow donor that could save him.

Three-year-old Keano Klein from Conniburrow was taken into hospital on Sunday with a collapsed lung. He remains on a ventilator in intensive care.

His continuous bouts of illness are the result of a rare blood disorder called DD Kostmann's syndrome and SCN – severe congenita neutrophenia.

His mother Chantelle Moore, 31, knows his best chance of survival is to find a bone marrow match – difficult because there are few mixed race donors on the register.

The former secretary, who moved to Milton Keynes in October because of the lack of health care in Zimbabwe, also needs thousands of pounds to fund her son's treatment.

She was grateful to the people who came forward to a donation day in Stony Stratford last Tuesday, run by blood disorder charity the Anthony Nolan Trust.

While at her son's bedside, Miss Moore is still urging people to come forward to see if they are a potential match.

She said: "I was pleased that people came last Tuesday, though unfortunately some were turned away because they were the wrong age and weight. But the Anthony



Hope: Chantelle Moore with her son Keano Craig Klein 3) who has a rare blood disorder

Nolan Trust is testing for their register, not for Keano. And he desperately needs a match.

"It's not looking good for him. But I am not going to stop pushing for a donor. I went on TV and made an appeal."

"I am also appealing for help financially. It costs us thousands of pounds to be treated here."

"He's got a very bad infection in his lungs. It's really critical. We are really just praying and hoping for a miracle."

■ For information about whether you can help Keano or someone else in need of a transplant contact the Anthony Nolan Trust at www.anthonynolan.org.uk or call 020 7284 1234.

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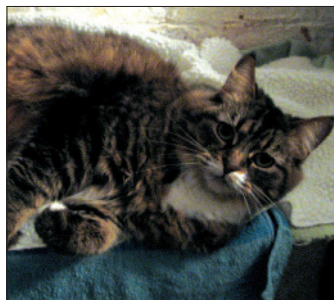
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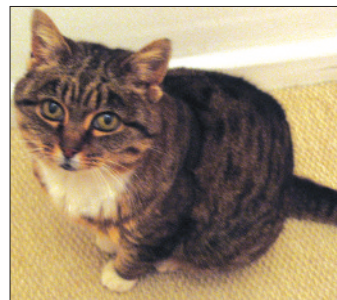
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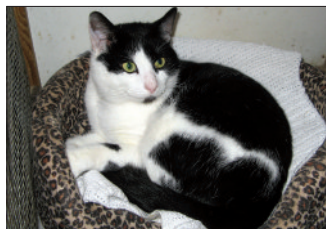
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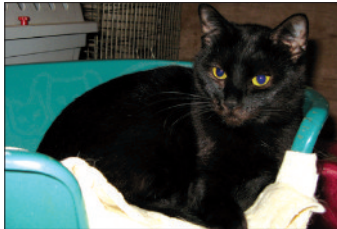
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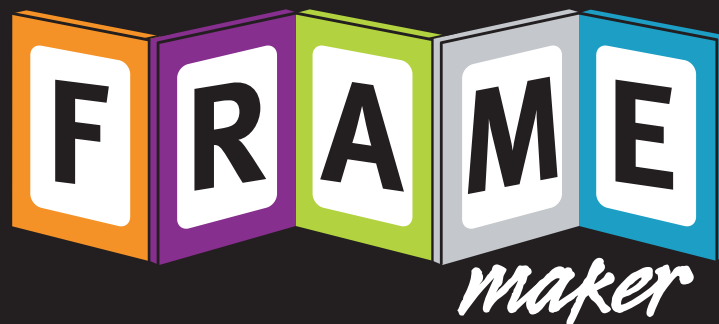
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House fire roasts giant pet snails

BY LAURA HANNAM

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A FAMILY has been left devastated after pets died in a fire.

Nadia and Paul Neale will be spending Christmas with their three children at a relative's home after the blaze, which killed their two hamsters and 50 pet snails.

The fire started in the utility room of the house in Severn Drive, Newport Pagnell at around 9am last Wednesday (December 18).

Nadia, a housewife, had taken the family's black Labrador, Spike, and her one-year-old baby boy out for a walk. When she returned to the house she saw smoke billowing from the windows.

She went to open the front door to rescue her children's hamster-sand her own giant African land snails, but a passer-by who had

called the fire brigade stopped her. Two fire crews from Newport Pagnell and Broughton arrived to fight the flames.

"They brought the hamsters out and did little massages on them, bless them, but they were dead from the smoke," said Nadia.

The fire did not spread any further than the utility room on the ground floor, but the house has been left blackened and the heat was so intense DVDs in a bedroom upstairs melted.

"The house is just gutted basically," added Nadia.

"The fire brigade has said it will be six to nine months before it's habitable again. The smoke alarm at the top of the stairs is melted, all the picture frames and the light fittings, everything melted like wax, it's awful."

"It's the silly things like my little

girl's favourite Teddy bear that she has had since she was born. It was on the bed and it was all black.

"And it was both my son's birthdays last week so their presents were in the living room and they are just ruined."

"The Christmas presents were in the loft so they are all OK."

Despite the damage she is thankful that no-one was in the house as her two older children, aged 6 and 11, were at school and her husband was at work at Ryan Daniel estate agents in Central Milton Keynes.

"It could easily have happened at night when we were in bed, it just doesn't bear thinking about," she said.

"Most things can be replaced, but things like photos can't."

The fire service has started an investigation.



Hey: Henry Winkler took time off from playing Hook to read from and sign copies of his book

By Hook – or buy book

ACTING legend Henry Winkler was spotted among the penguins as he took time out of his busy pantomime schedule to visit the igloo at Xscape Milton Keynes for a reading from his book, *Hank Zipzer – The World's Greatest Underachiever*.

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JANUARY

BRITNEY Spears started the year with a mental pop single and ended with one.

Back at the start of 2008, Piece Of Me was her newest offering and despite me warning you not to buy it, somebody did because it got to No2.

At least on this one she didn't sound like a possessed Fraggie, so things could've been worse.

By the end of the month Basshunter was at Number One. That's worse.

In the meantime, the White Stripes went all flamenco, the Utah Saints rejigged Something Good into something nowhere near as good and Atomic Kitten actually released a good single.

Actually, this would turn into a recurring theme – bands and singers I didn't previously rate suddenly started coming out with decent songs.

FEBRUARY

FASCINATION by Alphabeat. How did that become so popular? I still don't know.

Anyway, this was also the month that Girls Aloud released Can't Speak French which was staggeringly mundane, but it was backed by possibly the best B-side all year, namely Hoxton Heroes.

It does seem a bit hypocritical of a pop band created by a TV show to unleash a scorched earth policy on the world of indie bands, but when songs are this bitter, twisted and most importantly entertaining it'd be harsh not to let them off.

If only they could come up with an A-side even half as good, they'd be unstoppable.

MARCH

THIS was the month when the Ting Tings burst onto the scene – except they didn't.

Somebody somewhere made a bit of a cock-up and Great DJ was thrown out of the singles chart. Oops.

Here we are then, the back end of 2008. It's that time of year when MK LIFE music reviewer Simon Darnell tells you what he thinks of what you've been listening to over the past twelve months. It's all very festive

Nine Inch Nails released a 36 track instrumental album as you do, Nickelback's Rockstar was still in the chart and despite Radio 1's best efforts (they're still playing the thing now) Vampire Weekend's A-Punk only got to No55.

On the other hand, Gabriella Cilmi's Sweet About Me arrived in the Top 75, decided it rather liked it there and hung around for the best part of nine months. Deserved to and all, but I actually preferred the follow-up. Looks like I was about the only one, though.

Oh, and I forgot to review the Futureheads's The Beginning Of The Twist. Bit of an oversight on my part, because it's great.

APRIL

MACHINE Gun. That's April summed up. Sparks made a comeback, Ashlee Simpson somehow also released a decent single, but April was owned by Portishead.

Another band that I didn't previously think a lot of, this song came out of nowhere. One singer, a spot of percussion and a cheap keyboard that hardly gets used, that's all there is to it and it's utterly magnificent.

It's also not my favourite single of the year but, by heck, it came close.

MAY

TIME for our annual spanking at the Eurovision Song Contest, mainly on the grounds that the United Kingdom is not in Eastern Europe, and after Andy Abraham got his backside kicked by the rest of Europe

for daring to enter the competition with a decent song even Terry Wogan had had enough.

It won't be the same next year, that's for sure. For one thing, it'll be in Russia.

Meanwhile, Madonna and Justin Timberlake decided to sing about having four minutes to save the world, when what they should've done was to get off their backsides and actually do something about it instead.

May was also the month that Coldplay returned with Violet Hill but, looking on the bright side, the Ting Tings finally released a single that did qualify for the chart, and went straight to No1.

See, perseverance does pay off.

JUNE

AFTER saying three years ago that Mint Royale's Singin' In The Rain deserved to go to No1, it was nice to finally be proved right on something.

In other news, Primal Scream briefly returned, Annie continued to get ignored by the record-buying masses and BWO were daft as brushes.

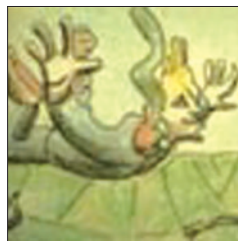
And that's the end of Part One. I hope you weren't not expecting some giant cliffhanger, this isn't EastEnders you know.

So, all that remains for me this week is to wish both my readers a very merry Christmas – which I've just done.

Next week, then?

SIMON DARNELL

■ For the second part, see next week's edition of MK NEWS



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Local MPs Mark Lancaster and Dr Phyllis Starkey and members of Milton Keynes Council were present for the unveiling.

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The vehicles are environmen-

tally friendly, offer easy access for buggies and people with mobility difficulties, CCTV for passenger security and access to the heart of Milton Keynes.

Brian Drury, commercial director of MK Metro, said: "These new buses will deliver another step change in quality to bus services in Milton Keynes."

"We're delighted to be able to introduce them in the build up to

Christmas as we hope they will encourage more people to leave their cars behind and enjoy a stress-free visit to Centre MK."

Vanessa McPake, cabinet member for community services, said: "We hope this investment shows that we are dedicated to improving public transport services in Milton Keynes, by making them more comfortable, safer and accessible to people of all abilities."

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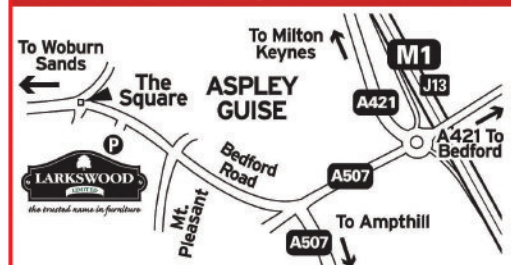
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Clubbers given free bottles to combat effects of bingeing

BY LAURA HANNAM

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FREE bottles of water have been handed out to revellers in the city centre to combat festive binge drinking.

Health experts are also urging partygoers to keep an eye on how much they drink.

Members of the Community

Safety Partnership gave bottles of water out from 9.30pm until 10.30am in the Theatre District and Xscape building on Friday to help reduce alcohol-related incidents.

Neil Atkinson of the partnership said: "The idea is to approach drinking safely, sensibly and socially and to promote responsible drinking by encouraging individuals to pace themselves, alternate alcohol with soft drinks and rehydrate regularly."

"We want to encourage a calm atmosphere and send out the right messages to ensure everyone can enjoy a safe night out."

The team will also work with local venues to promote the 'We

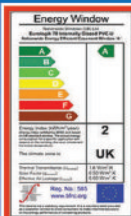
Serve Drinks Not Drunks' T-shirt and poster campaign, to highlight that people could be refused service if they are considered to be so drunk that they are vulnerable, aggressive, violent or at risk of harm.

Public health consultant Sue Frossell from NHS Milton Keynes warned that the strength of popular drinks has increased and glass sizes have grown.

"Many people are unaware that a large glass of festive wine can contain as many as three units," she said.

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Heelands transformed

THE first phase of a regeneration project has transformed Heelands Local Centre.

Replacement balcony doors, installation of Juliet bars, new windows, paint and lighting and more has been completed to make the area around the local centre look more appealing.

The work is part of a housing project funded by Milton Keynes Council.

Caroline Godfrey, community liaison manager, said: "The improvement work completed so far has already made a real difference to the 'feel' of the Heelands Local Centre area."

"Local residents have described the area as much brighter and fresher than it was before."

The second phase has now started and is due for completion during March 2009.

This will include improvements to the landscaping and hard surfaces at the front of the shops, a new play area for young children and a youth shelter.

Health 'leader' renamed

THE commissioning division of the local Primary Care Trust (PCT) has been renamed.

The division is now called NHS Milton Keynes to better reflect its role as the local leader of the NHS.

It is responsible for purchasing primary care NHS services for local residents, for example community nursing, GP and dental services, and secondary services such as hospital care.

The PCT is going through a rebranding to reflect the fact that the organisation is the strategic NHS body within the Borough of Milton Keynes, with responsibilities ranging from health improvement and health protection, through to the commissioning of NHS services from a range of providers.

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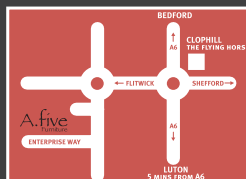
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Sadly, some residents missed out because we found inappropriate items in their pink sacks such as coat hangers and a glass jar, as well as glass bottles in a carrier bag. Also residents who place their sacks together with those of their neighbours cannot win as we need to check the bags.

Please make sure you're recycling the right items - you'll find a full list of what is allowed printed on the sacks - otherwise this could cost you dearly. If you need a blue box for recycling glass, just call the Environmental Services helpline on 01908 252570 or order one online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling.

Regular sponsors of the scheme Community Waste and Cory Environmental were joined just for this one week by John Lewis, Waitrose, Debenhams and Milton Keynes Theatre.

Cllr Chris Williams, Cabinet Member responsible for the environment, said:

"We'd like to thank all our sponsors for enabling us to offer an extra special reward to five local households who were recycling this Christmas. We urge all our residents to keep up their good work,



making sure to recycle all they can throughout 2009."

Cash for Trash will begin again in January, offering two £100 prizes each week, courtesy of Community Waste and Cory Environmental, so

make sure your recycling is out on your property boundary on your collection day and you could be in with a chance to win.

■ To find out more about the Cash for Trash scheme, see a gallery of some of our previous winners and to check out the rules in full, visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cashfortrash

The week's big Cash For Trash winners

From top right: Neil Wakefield of Springfield has £300 to spend in John Lewis

Mrs Nokes of Hanslope took delivery of a fabulous Waitrose hamper

Diane Griffin of Olney received £300 from Community Waste

David Clements of Coffee Hall received £300 from Cory Environmental



Above left: Abigail Adoyi of Shenley Lodge will be taking Esther and Abraham to Milton Keynes Theatre to see Peter Pan and has £100 to spend in Debenhams

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Christmas cheers on children's ward

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Team members had a whip-round to buy presents both for the children on the ward and the ward itself.

Goalkeeping coach Paul Heald was there with his own brand of Christmas cheer together with Dean Lewington, Sam Baldock, Willy Gueret, Mark Wright, Florian Sturm, Paul Mitchell and Luke Howell.



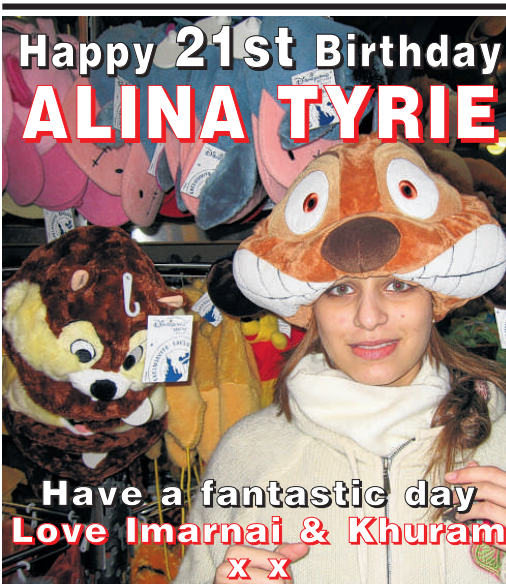
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Left holding
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22nd December 2008
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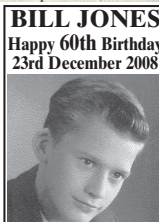


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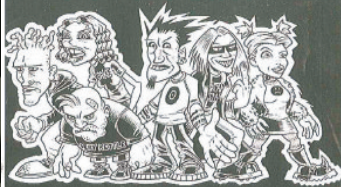
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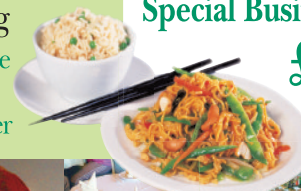
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Extra Piece of Chicken	1.00
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Large Doner Kebab	4.50
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	9" Standard	12" Standard	15" Deep Pan Mega	Extra Lg 15" Standard
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6. PESTO TARTARE Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawns, Anchovies	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
7. NEW YORKER Tomato, Cheese, Onion, Salami, Beef, Chicken Tikka, Onions, Pepper	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
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9. CHICKEN TIKKA MASSALA Tomato, Cheese, Chicken Tikka, Onions, Pepper	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
10. MEAT LOVERS Tomato, Cheese, Double Salami, double Pepperoni, Double Ham, Double Beef	12.00	14.00	16.00	19.00
11. BBQ BONANZA Cheese, BBQ Sauce, Red Onion, Spicy Beef, Sausage	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
12. TIKKA BBO Tomato, Cheese, Onion, Peppers, BBQ Chicken, Bacon	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
13. PEPPERONI FEAST Double Mozzarella, Double Pepperoni	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00

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French Fries	1.20
Coleslaw	1.40
Garlic Bread	1.50
Garlic Bread with Mozzarella Topping	2.50
Prawn Cocktail	2.70
Garlic Mushrooms	1.70
Salad	1.50
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Traditional

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Hot Stuff

American Hot Peppers, Onions, Chillies, Green Peppers	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
Chicken Hot Tandoori Chicken, Green Chillies, Fresh Tomato, Mushrooms	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
Mexican Fusion Mexican Chicken, Red Peppers, Pineapple & Jalapeno Peppers	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
Mexicana Spicy Beef, Onions, Sliced Tomato & Green Chillies	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
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Family Favourites

Pepperoni Plus, Double Pepperoni, Mushrooms & Onions	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
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Meaty One Ham, Pepperoni, Beef, Spicy Pork	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
Sea Food Prawns, Anchovies, Tuna & Fresh Tomato	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
Free Choice Any 4 toppings of your choice	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95
Late Breakfast Smokey Sausage, Bacon, Salami & Fried Onion	£8.95	£11.95	£13.95

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Green Peppers, Mushrooms, Onions, Ham, Beef & Pepperoni	£8.95	£12.95	£14.95
Alligator Pepperoni, lamb, Beef, Bacon, Garlic Sausage, Salami	£8.95	£12.95	£14.95
Meatball Feast BBQ Sauce, Meatballs, Pepperoni, Bacon, Garlic Sausage, Smokey Sausage	£8.95	£12.95	£14.95

Stuffed Edge Surcharges

Stuffed Edge with Cheese/with cheese & Pepperoni/with Garlic & Herbs	£1.00	£1.20	£1.40
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Extra Toppings

Create your own pizza by using a Cheese and Tomato as a base then add your choice of toppings from the following	£0.90	£1.00	£1.10
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Instead, they offered customers the chance to pay £1 for a star on which they can write their festive greetings to family and friends with all proceeds being donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Staff also brought in gifts to the dealership, which will be donated to the children's ward at Milton Keynes Hospital on Christmas Eve.

Mike Beevis, general manager of Perrys Peugeot in Milton Keynes said: "Macmillan Cancer Support is a fantastic charity which helps thousands of people every year. We thought it would be a great idea for us to save money and the environment by not buying Christmas cards and, at the same time, raise money for a worthwhile cause."

"We already have a number of presents under our tree to be taken down to Milton Keynes Hospital Children's Ward."

Curry's love Nikesh

NIKESH Mistry from Curry's Digital showed a customer the future of home entertainment recently and ended up being this month's winner of the thecentremk's customer service scheme, the Serious Service awards.

Nikesh was nominated for the award for excellent customer service after talking a customer through the complexities of digital television and solving the problem of how to upgrade all their videos to digital format.

Nikesh listened to the customers issues and found the right product suitable for the job.

"With technological advances such digital televisions, high definition channels and the ability to pause live TV, we're getting an increasing amount of questions from customers about these issues," said Nikesh.

"I remember Mr Timmings as I'd only been here for four weeks. I was just thrilled that I was able to help him really. A lot of people see retail as a very simple job, however, I find myself problem solving for customers on a daily basis which is a great feeling."

The Serious Service Awards aim to encourage customer feedback and highlight great customer service examples from retailing staff. Customers are able to nominate staff from individual stores recognising excellent customer service skills. Once nominated both the member of the public and the person nominated have



Nikesh Mistry in front of an image of himself holding the product he explained to a confused customer

the chance of winning prizes supplied by Coca-Cola.

Nikesh is now entered into the Annual award and will be joined by the other monthly winners.

Nikesh chose a Coca-Cola branded bike as his prize whilst the customer who nominated him, requested a radio as their reward.

College bakes a cake for foundation's 10th birthday

THE Helena Kennedy Foundation celebrated its tenth anniversary this year, at the national Association of Colleges conference, with a delicious and very large presentation cake made especially for them by Milton Keynes College's Hotel, Hospitality and Catering department.

The Helena Kennedy Foundation, an independent national educational charity with its HQ at The Mansion, Bletchley Park, has a long standing relationship with Milton Keynes College.

Its founder, Dr Ann Limb, set up the charity when she was principal of Milton Keynes College and the first bursary winner also came from the college.

Ann said: "We were delighted that MK College was able to help us celebrate our birthday in such style and we have valued its support over the last ten years."

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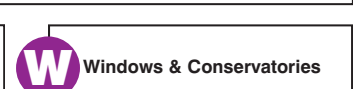
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Audi Q7 3.0 TDI Quattro S Line, 5dr hatchback 7 seater, tip Automatic 2007 (07) Reg.

1 Owner 7,000 miles, F/S/H. Black with black leather interior, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric heated seats, Sat Nav DVD CD, remote central locking, 20" alloy wheels, airbag back/front. Immaculate condition, manufacturers warranty. £32,995

Land Rover Range Rover 2.7 HSE Sport Auto 2006 (56) Reg.

1 Owner 16,000 miles with Full Range Rover Service History. Silver with Cream leather interior, Air Conditioning, Electric Heated Seats, Sat Nav, Alloy wheels, Remote central locking, 6 CD Changer, Parking sensors. Immaculate condition with 12 months manufacturer warranty to run 2/3 years optional. £28,995

Saab 9-3 1.8T Linear Convertible 2006 (56) Reg.

1 Owner 26,000 Miles with F/S/History. Nocturne Blue metallic with Grey Leather interior, Air Conditioning, Electric Hood, ABS, Alloy wheels, Remote Central Locking, CD Player. Immaculate condition with 12 months manufacturers warranty till 10/09 2/3 years optional. £9,995

Peugeot 407 2.2 Executive Automatic Estate 2005 (55) Reg.

1 Owner 37,000 miles F/S/History metallic grey with cream leather interior, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, alloy wheels. CD Player, remote central locking, parking sensors, airbags, and electric sunroof. Excellent condition 12 months MOT and 12 months warranty 2/3 years optional. £7,995

BMW 520d SE Saloon 5dr 2005 (55) Reg.

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August DONS' SCORE FIRST

9	Leicester	A	0-2
12	Norwich (CC)	H	1-0
16	Northampton	H	1-0
23	Huddersfield	A	3-1
26	Cardiff (CC)	A	1-2
30	Swindon	H	1-2

September

6	Yeovil	H	3-0
13	Oldham	A	0-2
20	Colchester	A	3-0
27	Peterborough	H	1-2

October

4	Millwall	A	4-0
7	Bournemouth		
	JPT	H	0-1
11	Carlisle	H	3-1
18	Crewe	A	1-1
21	Stockport	H	1-2
25	Cheltenham	H	3-1
28	Leyton Orient	A	2-1

November

1	Tranmere	H	1-0
8	Bradford (FAC)	H	1-2
15	Hartlepool	A	3-1
22	Walsall	A	3-0
25	Hereford	H	3-0

December

6	Scunthorpe	H	0-2
12	Brighton	A	4-2
20	Leeds	H	3-1
26	Bristol Rovers	A	
28	Southend	H	

January

6	Peterborough	A	
12	Colchester	H	
17	Carlisle	A	
24	Millwall	H	
27	Leyton Orient	H	
31	Cheltenham	A	

February

3	Stockport	A	
7	Crewe	H	
14	Hartlepool	H	
21	Tranmere	A	
28	Leicester	H	

March

3	Northampton	A	
7	Swindon	A	
10	Huddersfield	H	
14	Oldham	H	
21	Yeovil	A	
28	Leeds	A	

April

4	Brighton	H	
10	Southend	A	
13	Bristol Rovers	H	
18	Scunthorpe	A	
25	Walsall	H	

May

2	Hereford	A	
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Leeds keeper David Lucas is unable to keep out Aaron Wilbraham (half hidden) as he scores his first to put the Dons two-up

On-fire Wilbraham inspired by crowd

MK DONS 3

O'Hanlon 11, Wilbraham 17, 55

LEEDS UNITED 1

Snodgrass 49



BY SIMONE CORGAN
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IT WAS a game all MK Dons fans had been waiting for and one that will live long in the memory thanks to a brilliant display from Roberto Di Matteo's men.

And the result allowed the Dons to regain second place over Christmas while Leeds fell to ninth – which cost Gary McAllister his job as he was relieved of his duties early Sunday morning.

Two-goal hero Aaron Wilbraham pointed to the 17,000-plus fans at stadiummk,

the biggest crowd of the season, as one reason the Dons managed to put on one of their best home performances.

He said: "It does make a difference, especially when you walk out before kick-off and see the stadium nearly full with both sets of fans singing at each other it gives you a bit of fire in the belly to start the game."

Leeds could have taken the lead within three minutes had someone successfully followed up on Jonathan Howson's parried shot.

Instead it was the Dons celebrating with eleven minutes on the clock when stand-in skipper Sean O'Hanlon found himself on the end of Jemal Johnson's cross.

Though Leeds are not the high-flying club they once were, the buzz around the ground suggested in most people's eyes they are still considered to be a 'big' club.

So when Aaron Wilbraham found space in a goal mouth scramble to loop the ball past David Lucas and double the Dons' score there was plenty of jubilation in the Cowshead.

Robert Snodgrass hit back for Leeds shortly after the break but Johnson, this time breaking down the left, produced a fine delivery for Wilbraham to head home his second.

A delighted Di Matteo admitted the third goal for the Dons was vital as Leeds appeared to be climbing back.

The Dons boss said: "It was a great afternoon, players performed to a high level against a very good Leeds United side."

"They've got some talented players but so have we. It was important to turn our home form around it's been a bit of our Achilles heel this season so we talked to the players and they reacted in a great way."

"I think we can be pleased with where we are at the moment."

Second in the table, four points off top-placed Leicester and a six point cushion from the final place-off spot. The Dons will be more than pleased with the League

One table this Christmas time.

MK DONS: Gueret, Stirling (Howell 90), Llera, O'Hanlon (c), Johnson, Wilbraham (Flo 82), Baldock (Wright 77), Punccheon, Cummings, Navarro, Leven.

LEEDS UNITED: Lucas, Douglas, Marques (c), Michalik (Richardson 45), Kilkenny, Becchio, Sheehan, Howson (Showunmi 76), Delph, Snodgrass, Assoumani. Booked: Snodgrass

Referee: Tony Bates (Staffordshire)

Attendance: 17,073

PREVIEWS

BRISTOL ROVERS

League One
Friday, December 26
Memorial Stadium
KO 1pm



SOUTHEND UNITED

League One
Sunday, December 28
stadiummk KO 3pm



TWO games in two days for the Dons who will be looking to strengthen their position in League One over the festive period.

First up is Bristol Rovers who have a mixed home form with five wins, two draws and three defeats this term.

The Dons have won seven matches on the road which is the best record in League One.

On Sunday Southend come to town, and that game is the date Jason Punccheon's loan spell ends with the Dons.

Southend will have Adam Barrett available following his suspension while Daniel Harding is ruled out after his dismissal at the weekend.

Di Matteo's side will then return to action on Tuesday, January 6 at London Road for their re-arranged fixture with Peterborough United.

ICE HOCKEY

**SLOUGH JETS 5
MK LIGHTNING 1**

**MK LIGHTNING 3
SLOUGH JETS 5**

BACK-TO-BACK defeats at the hands of Slough Jets saw MK Lightning drop to fourth in the English Premier League.

Lightning conceded 10 goals and netted four in response as Slough leap-frogged them in the table.

Slough came from behind at home on Saturday to emphatically beat Lightning who went ahead through Lukas Zatopek on 2.35.

But at the end of the first period Lightning were trailing their hosts 3-1 before Slough stretched their lead to four goals in the second.

Despite out shooting Slough in the final 20 minutes Lightning were unable to take the game to overtime.

Lightning came close to points in the return fixture when they hit back from 3-1 down in the second period to level 3-3, with two goals from Matt Towalski, early in the third.

However, hopes faded when Slough regained their advantage eight minutes from time and when Lightning went all out by pulling netminder Barry Hollyhead the guests hit a fifth to seal the win.

LOCAL RUGBY

OLNEY ended a run of seven successive defeats with a win over Trowbridge.

Tries from Ollie Caplin, Chris Parnham and George Stantongave Olney their first victory since the beginning of October.

Trowbridge did open an 11-5 lead early in the second half but Olney found their rhythm to overcome the deficit and take the points with a 15-11 win.

They remain tenth and level on points with Reading Abbey in the South West Two East division.

A HUMILIATING afternoon saw Bletchley concede 100 points to leaders Reading.

The 100-7 defeat means Bletchley have not won in six games and they now have the worst 'points against' record in the league.

MILTON Keynes thumped Bicester 26-3 to remain tied at the top of the Southern Counties North with Buckingham.

A hat-trick of tries from Daniel Pearson helped MK on their way while Stuart Tomkinson also crossed the line.

Andy White added four points with two conversions.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

STONY Stratford Town moved up to eleventh in the Molten Spartan South Midlands division one by winning a thrilling seven-goal encounter.

A hat-trick from Walker saw Stony edge the game against Tokyngton 4-3.

Meanwhile, Buckingham Athletic lost 3-0 to Royston Town and New Bradwell St Peter were held to a 1-1 draw with Bedford Town Reserves.

In division two Mursley United are in ninth following a 2-1 defeat to Pitstone and Ivinghoe but do have a game in hand.

Old Bradwell United are struggling in 14th place as they lost 2-1 to The 61 FC (Luton).



Towalski on target
as Lightning
crash twice

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What's the score? The new board at stadiummk registers 90 minutes and the Dons 3-1 up against Leeds on Saturday

Puncheon back with Plymouth

BY SIMONE CORGAN

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MK DONS on-loan midfielder Jason Puncheon has been recalled to Plymouth Argyle.

The 22-year-old has made an immediate return to the Championship side days before his loan spell with the Dons was due to expire.

The decision by Argyle manager Paul Sturrock to take the winger back to Home Park will upset Roberto Di Matteo's plans over the festive period.

Before the announcement was made by Plymouth, Di Matteo told MK NEWS he wanted Puncheon to stay at stadiummk.

Di Matteo said: "Ideally we would like him to stay but it's not in our hands."

"I think he's settled down quite nicely, hopefully the player likes it here and if Plymouth agree maybe we can do something."

It comes as a huge blow to the Dons as the talented midfielder made nine appearances, eight of them starts, and scored one goal.

Better news did come in the form of Willy Gueret and Aaron Wilbraham signing new contract extensions.

MK NEWS understands Sean O'Hanlon is also close to agreeing a new deal which could be tied up today.

As the transfer window looms large the Dons boss has acted quickly to ensure his star players are prized away.

Goalkeeper Gueret has taken his one-year-option to remain at stadiummk until at least June 2010, with the option of a further year upon its completion.

And Wilbraham, who score twice in the win over Leeds on Saturday, extended his contract with the Dons until June 2011.

Di Matteo hinted new faces could also join the club next month but refused to be drawn on the subject.

he said: "The club is talking to a number of players now because there's quite a few players we want to retain and so we're pleased."

"Timing is good, definitely. In the January window there might be a threat but also there are opportunities for us as well."



Jason Puncheon: On-loan midfielder back at Argyle

"We'll have to see how our squad is and then we'll make decisions."

The Dons will travel to Bristol Rovers on Christmas Day ahead of their Boxing Day fixture and Di Matteo has singled out League One's joint top-scorer Rickie Lambert as their key man.

"He scores from anywhere really, it's difficult to mark him. We'll have to be very focused, it's not going to be easy."

Dons will end their successful calendar year at home to Southend this Sunday.

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